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Miles City Resource Management Plan (RMP) Revision

FACT SHEET: Recreation and Travel Management

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Approximately 2.8 million acres of BLM-administered public lands within the Miles City Field Office offer a diverse array of recreational activities and experiences for a variety of user groups and interests from across the country and around the world. Visitation to these lands for recreational opportunities continues to grow each year.

An estimated 150,000 people visited these public lands last year, with the most intensive, area-wide recreational use occurring during the big game hunting season. Because access to these lands for both recreational and commercial use is equally important, the draft plan also addresses the issue of Travel Management.

Based on public scoping comments and our experience in working with our cooperating agencies, this plan considers a range of alternatives to address different experiences, uses and opportunities on BLM-administered public lands.

Recreation Management Areas

The Draft RMP/EIS identifies recreation management area designations that are based on recreation demand and issues, recreation setting characteristics, and compatibility with other resource uses and resource protection within a range of alternatives.

The RMP identifies the following types of recreation management areas:

- Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs). These areas would be given management priority to provide quality recreation opportunities and visitor experiences. Recreation and Visitor Services management is recognized as the predominant land use planning focus.
- Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs). These areas would require specific management consideration to address recreation use, demand or Recreation and Visitor Services program investments.

All remaining lands would be managed as public lands not designated as Recreation Management Areas, which would be managed to meet basic Recreation and Visitor Services and resource stewardship needs.

Travel Management

A goal and objective for travel management is to manage travel and off-highway vehicle (OHV) use in a balanced approach to provide sustainable local economic benefits in a manner which minimizes or mitigates user conflict, safety concerns and resource impacts. The BLM would take into consideration the unique attributes and values of the various travel management planning areas during route-specific travel planning within 5 years of the record of decision.

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In addition to travel management planning, the RMP revision identifies a range of alternatives for area OHV designations: Open, Limited or Closed areas. Currently, motorized travel on BLM-administered lands in the planning area is limited to existing roads and trails with the exception of two open areas and one closed area.

Table 1: Summary of Miles City Draft RMP/EIS Recreation Management Areas and Travel Management acreage by alternative.

Miles City Draft RMP/EIS Recreation Management Areas and Travel Management					
	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D	Alternative E
Special Recreation Management Area	3 Areas 16,583 Acres	11 Areas 43,869 acres	11 Areas 43,869 acres	0	11 Areas 43,869 acres
Extensive Recreation Management Areas	7 Areas 29,046 Acres	0	0	11 Areas 43,869 acres	0
Travel Management	2,400 acres open	2,900 acres open	660 acres open	2,000 acres open	2,000 acres open
	80 acres closed	35,000 acres closed	550 acres closed	0 acres closed	2,800 acres closed
	2,800,000 acres limited				